

News Highlights, July 13-19

Deep South Magazine

Hot Days, Cool Museums

As summer temperatures continue to heat up, get out of the house and go to a museum that makes you say, "cool!" We've got one in each Southern state, featuring everything from Southern art to food and even cowgirls, and each promises to crank the air down low for as long as you want to stay inside. Click here to see the sites, which include the N.C. Maritime Museum.

Winston-Salem Journal

SECCA attendance up 25 percent in first six months of the year

Visits to the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art numbered 11,384 between January and the end of June — a 25 percent increase over the same period last year, museum officials said Wednesday. The attendance results mark the highest six-month total since December 2007, when SECCA became part of the N.C. Museum of Art, which is governed by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. The numbers put the museum on a pace to achieve its goal of 23,000 visits this year. Read more <a href="https://example.com/here/beta/fig/here/beta

NC Now – UNC-TV

2nd Saturdays and Heritage Locomotives

North Carolina Now recently interviewed Secretary Linda Carlisle about the department's popular 2nd Saturdays programs. Click here to see the segment, which begins at 12:54 into the program. Click here to see a N.C. Now feature from earlier in the month about a gathering of Heritage Locomotives at the N.C. Transportation Museum. That segment begins at 5:45.

Outer Banks Sentinel

New Historical Marker on Roanoke Island

A new Highway Historical Marker honoring Civil Air Patrol Coastal Patrol Base 16 will be unveiled during a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 21 at the site of the marker on Airport Road on Roanoke Island near the North Carolina Aquarium. Read more here.

Beach Carolina Magazine

It's Electrifying! New Exhibit at the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex

On Saturday, July 14, the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex opened the exhibit "It's Electrifying!" This traveling exhibit from the North Carolina Museum of History highlights how the distribution of electric power changed lives throughout the state in the early twentieth century. Read more here.

WPTF Radio

Bicentennial of the War of 1812

Guest host John Hood talks with Jeffrey Crow & Mike Hill of the N.C. Division of Archives about the commemoration of the War of 1812 Bicentennial and North Carolina's involvement in the war. Listen to the broadcast here.

News & Observer

Dance, art meld at Museum of Art in Shen Wei's 'Undivided Divided'

Theaters are for watching live performances, and art museums are for contemplating inanimate objects – except in Shen Wei's world. The Chinese-born choreographer, artist and director thinks all of the arts should be experienced in one place. He will put that theory into practice this week at the N.C. Museum of Art in Raleigh with five performances, co-sponsored by the American Dance Festival, of "Undivided Divided," a work that weaves dozens of dancers among the paintings and sculptures in the galleries of the museum's West Building. Read more here.

Encore Online

Gwenyfar Rohler: Live Local. Live Small... The Draw of the Battleship

Without question, one of our more famous attractions is The USS North Carolina, or as it is know by the residents around here, "The Battleship." (Is there more than one? Really?) I have my own informal star poll going by asking people who come into the bookstore where they are visiting from and what brought them here. I am amazed how often people tell me that they came here specifically to tour the battleship. Read more here.

Durham Herald-Sun

Pigs, pickles, pies excite visitors at Duke Homestead

There it was -- a big old pig's head, sitting right there on the table. For people visiting the Duke Homestead Saturday, if they wandered into the kitchen at the back of the homestead, Kathy Walbert was tending the wood stove, cooking pig's feet and pig's tails on top of the stove... It was Pork, Pickles and Peanuts: Tastes of NC day at the historic Duke Homestead site just north of Interstate 85. Read more here.

WRAL

Nuclear mishap could have been catastrophic for NC

In 1961, eastern North Carolina was nearly blown off the map when a military plane crashed and dropped a hydrogen bomb on the tiny Wayne County town of Faro. Part of the bomb is still there today, and recently, a crowd gathered to dedicate a highway marker to the infamous nuclear mishap. Click <u>here</u> to see a feature by Scott Mason, WRAL's Tar Heel Traveler.

Carolina Salt

N.C. Maritime Museum offers a whale of a time

What does Moby Dick have in common with North Carolina? Find out in a new exhibit at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort, opening Saturday, July 14. The permanent exhibit, "Whales and Whaling in North Carolina," shows the uniqueness and history of the state's whaling fishery. Read more here.

Kinston Mayor B.J. Murphy Blog

City of Kinston Receives NEA Grant for African American Music Trail

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) announces 80 Our Town grant awards totaling \$4.995 million and reaching 44 states and the District of Columbia. The City of Kinston is one of the grantees and will receive \$100,000 to finalize the African American Music Trail (AAMT) Park. ... "The Our Town award to Kinston is a tribute to the vision of the city, the local arts council and to eastern North Carolina's rich African American music traditions," said Wayne Martin, Executive Director of the North Carolina Arts Council. Read more here.

Lake Norman News

Beaufort, N.C., is treasure for vacationing families

"We spent every summer reading historical markers and touring battle sites," a friend said recently. "My brother and I begged our parents for a trip to the beach. We wanted to be normal kids." Parents face a dilemma in maintaining a balance between enrichment and entertainment. By July, children complain of boredom. Planning a trip to Beaufort, N.C., can cure the doldrums. Read more here.